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MANAGEMENT ENVIRONMENTS

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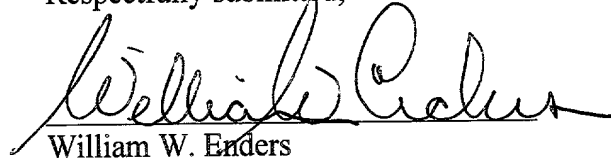
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- ☐ Continued Prosecution Application (37 CFR §1.53(d)) -- The parent application is USSN \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_. The prior Examiner was \_\_\_\_\_ in Group Art Unit \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Response to Missing Parts
- ☐ Assignment and Recordation Cover sheet -- the parent application is assigned of record to \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Inventors' Declaration/Power of Attorney
- ☒ Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)

- ☒ Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☐ Petition for a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time
- ☐ Response to Office Action
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☐ Formal Drawings
- ☒ Informal Drawings (FIGS. 1-9, 25 sheets)
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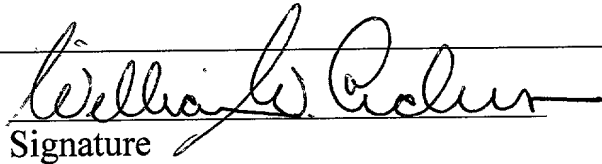
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